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City's water rates set to increase 8.4 percent

SAN DIEGO: The city's water rates for the average household will rise by \$4.43 to \$57.31, an 8.4 percent increase, on Jan. 1, following the San Diego City Council's approval yesterday.

The council voted unanimously to cover the rising costs of the city's water purchases and voted 5-3, with councilmen Kevin Faulconer, Tony Young and Brian Maienschein in opposition, to raise rates to pay for a pilot project that would examine turning treated wastewater into drinking water.—M.T.H.